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DAYTON, Ohio, August 5, 1968 --- Gary Shepherd, Assistant to the Director of Development at the University of Dayton since January, 1967, has accepted the newly created position of Supervisor of the Research and Information Section of the Division of Intergovernmental Services within The Ohio Department of Urban Affairs in Columbus. Mr. Shepherd's appointment becomes effective August 19.

The Department of Urban Affairs was created in October, 1967, to provide technical assistance to local governments and other appropriate agencies and organizations throughout the state with respect to solutions of community problems which include taxation, intergovernmental cooperation, education and training, community planning, air and water pollution, housing, transportation, health, welfare, open space and others.

Mr. Shepherd's Research and Information Section will be designed to assist communities on a broad scale. It will digest data relating to community characteristics, problems, rules and desired needs, pre-assemble this data on receipt into forms retrievable as research packages and make it available to communities in Ohio on an applied research basis. The program will eliminate the enormous amount of man hours needed to seek out, evaluate and compile the information. Inquiries on federal and state assistance programs available to communities will be handled by Mr. Shepherd's office.

A 1965 graduate of UD, Mr. Shepherd had been Community Relations Representative at Tait Manufacturing Company prior to his employment at UD.

He is Chairman of the Kettering Sister City Committee, President of the Keep Christ In Christmas Committee, Secretary of the Special Committee on Urban Renewal, and Director of Public Affairs of the Dayton Area Nursing Home Association.

He is married to the former Edna Marie Diller. The couple has one child, Jacqueline Marie, born in February, 1968.